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U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

The National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, (NCUTCD) requests that the Federal Highway Administration extend the comment period for FHWA Docket No. FHWA-2003-15149, so that comments can be submitted by February 1, 2005.

This docket concerns a Notice of Proposed Amendments (NPA) to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for Streets and Highways to include methods to maintain traffic sign retroreflectivity. This is an issue of great interest and importance to the members of the NCUTCD.

The Regulatory/Warning Signs Technical Committee (RWSTC) has appointed a Task Force to develop a recommendation concerning the proposed modifications to the MUTCD. The Task force will present its report for discussion by the RWSTC, and a recommendation will be forwarded to the NCUTCD at its meeting in January 2005. The NCUTCD will take action on this matter at the meeting, and a response to the Docket will be forwarded following the adjournment of the meeting on January 7, 2005.

We believe that the extension of the comment period will afford the NCUTCD the opportunity for deliberation and discussion of this issue and facilitate a more comprehensive and complete response to the docket.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

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